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Heartburn Treatment

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above noted application, entrance of the following remarks and amendments into the record is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

5. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the bicarbonate is sodium or potassium bicarbonate or a mixture thereof.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/US00/18896 in the U.S. §371 national phase of prosecution. Claim 5 has been amended to remove multiple dependency and to conform to US Practice. Claims 1 to 12 are in the application.

A marked version of the amended claims accompanies this paper.

An abstract on a separate sheet of paper accompanies this request.